

RHNA Current FY Work Priorities

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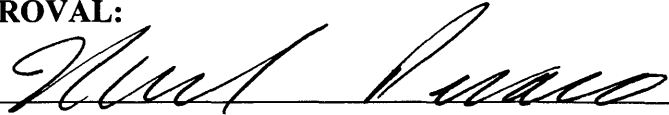
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SUBJECT: Regional Housing Needs Assessment Work Priorities for Current Fiscal Year

DATE: March 6, 2003

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Affirm staff work plan for the current fiscal year in preparation for the 2004 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

BACKGROUND

On February 6, 2003, the Regional Council and CEHD Committee took action regarding a shortage of funding available in the State budget for Regional Housing Needs Assessments. Staff was directed to report back on activities that could be undertaken during the remainder of the current fiscal year with the \$21,067 budgeted for RHNA activities. This report is in response to the Regional Council and CEHD action. **A total of 160 staff hours can be programmed given the current budget amount.**

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES:

Staff has identified the following priority activities to be undertaken as a foundation to the 2004 RHNA:

1. Preparations for Consultation Process with the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) –
Hours Needed: 150 hours to complete, 80 hours preliminary effort for current fiscal year.

SCAG and HCD are required by law to consult on the region's share of statewide housing need. In preparation for this formal consultation, which will take place next fiscal year, SCAG will assemble and review data, hold preliminary discussions with HCD, and devise strategy for obtaining and justifying an optimum regional need number.

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2. Refinement of the Regional Housing Need Policy Allocation Process

Hours Needed: 200 hours to complete, 80 hours preliminary effort for this fiscal year.

The CEHD Committee, in November 2002, approved the recommendations of its Income Equity Task Force calling for a Housing Policy Allocation Framework, a significant departure from the methodology used in previous RHNA cycles. In order to implement this recommendation, staff must further develop this approach by acquiring and calibrating data, and by consulting with experts and program stakeholders.

Timing: February to June 2003

FISCAL IMPACT:

The activities as described in this report are included in the current FY2002-2003 budget. The State of California is obligated, under the State Constitution, to reimburse costs associated with the RHNA process. However, given insufficient appropriations in the 2003 State Budget, reimbursement to SCAG will likely be delayed, pending further appropriations being made by the Legislature. Prior to reimbursement, SCAG would be required to access working capital funds to cover costs. If for any reason, the State does not reimburse these costs, the expenditure would be charged to the General Fund.

